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SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET COMPLAINTS ABOUT FRG ENVIRONMENT
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1. FINAL APPROVAL OF TEXT REFTEL C AS AMENDED REFTEL B
GIVEN OCTOBER 4 AT BONN GROUP MEETING BY REPS OF ALL FOUR
COUNTRIES. ON TIMING, FRENCH REP (PAYE) SAID HIS
AUTHORITIES WANTED REPLY MADE NO EARLIER THAN MONDAY,
OCTOBER 8 SINCE THEY WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL WEHNER AFFAIR
HAD SETTLED. PAYE DID NOT VOLUNTEER FRENCH REASONING
DURING BONN GROUP MEETING, BUT IN EARLIER TRIPARTITE
SESSION HE HAD SAID THAT PARIS BELIEVED WEHNER'S
PERFORMANCE IN MOSCOW HAD BEEN A CALCULATED ATTEMPT TO
ASSIST BREZHNEV AND HIS DETENTE POLICIES VIS-A-VIS HARD
LINERS IN THE KREMLIN. THE FRENCH THOUGHT THAT IF REPLY
WERE MADE IN NEXT DAY OR SO TO BELETSKIY, IT WOULD
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SURELY BE MADE PUBLIC (PAYE INTIMATED BY FRG FONOFF) AND

STRONG ALLIED STAND IN REPLY WOULD COUNTERACT WHATEVER
HELP WEHNER HAD BEEN TO ADVOCATES OF DETENTE IN MOSCOW.

2. US, UK, AND FRG REPS EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE THAT
REPLY BE MADE YET THIS WEEK, BUT FRENCH REP REPLIED THAT
STRONG FEELINGS OF PARIS AND HIS AMBASSADOR MADE IT
UNLIKELY CHANGE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. FRG PARTICULARLY
HOPED FOR EARLIER REPLY SINCE FRG-USSR EXPERT-LEVEL
PREPARATORY TALKS FOR FONMIN SCHEEL'S MOSCOW TRIP NOW
SCHEDULED FOR MOSCOW OCTOBER 8 AND 9 (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

3. LATER IN DAY FRENCH REP CONFIRMED MONDAY WAS
EARLIEST DAY FOR REPLY HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE TO.
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